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## Forest Preserve, Finance and Administration Committee Meeting Minutes

Chairman Dale Berman, President Christopher Kious, Treasurer Bill Lenert, Deborah Allan, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Jarett Sanchez, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams

**Tuesday, January 24, 2023**

**2:00 PM**

**3rd Floor Board Room**

### **I. Call to Order**

Chair Berman opened the meeting at 2:00PM.

<b>PRESENT</b>	Chairman Dale Berman President Chris Kious Commissioner Deborah Allan (arrived via remote @ 2:10PM) Commissioner Leslie Juby Commissioner Bill Lenert Commissioner Vern Tepe Commissioner Rick Williams
<b>ABSENT</b>	Commissioner Michelle Gumz Commissioner Jarett Sanchez

**Also Present:** Commissioners: Bates, Davoust\*, Kenyon, Linder, Strathmann; Exec. Dir. Haberthur, CFO Petschke & staff Marano\*; Dir. of NRM Chess; COP Rooks-Lopez & staff Rafferty; Dir. of Comm. Affairs Metanchuk & staff Kovach; Chief of Police Burger; Attorney Hodge and Exec. Assist. Figliozzi

### **II. Approval of Minutes of November 15, 2022**

Commissioner Tepe moved to approve the Minutes by unanimous vote. Motion was Approved.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Commissioner Vern Tepe

### **III. Public Comment (Each Speaker is limited to three minutes)**

None.

### **IV. Bids and Proposals**

None.

### **V. New or Unfinished Business**

Exec. Dir. Haberthur presented the restated organization ordinance. The major change for consideration was the clarification of the presidential voting procedures. In the case there is a tie; the provisions now have clear direction. The Organization is defined within the Downstate Forest Preserve Act and therefore complies with the provisions and is recognized by judicial notice as organized under this act. To meet all necessary compliance, the District reinstates the Organization Ordinance governing the organization and rules of procedure of the Board of Commissioners of the District annually. The original Organization Ordinance was passed on June 14, 1937, and most recently revised on January 11, 2022.

**DISCUSSION:** *Commissioner Juby discussed remote attendance and procedures within the Open Meetings Act as it relates to Kane County. She questioned the parameters of the allowance once the executive order dissolves within the state. Attorney Hodge explained that the executive order that comes from the Governor's office defines the conditions. He noted that once the emergency order expires, then the Forest Preserve District would need to adopt a policy to allow remote attendance. Commissioner Juby expressed her opinion regarding the remote attendance noting she did not agree with the current allowance. Commissioner Lenert requested that the responsibilities of the Treasurer be clarified within the ordinance. He stated that the responsibilities listed were those of the assistant Treasurer, (Chief Financial Officer) and requested to amend the language to reflect the duties defined.*

#### **A. Approval of the Restated Organization Ordinance**

**RESULT:**            **MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE**  
**TO:**                    Forest Preserve District Executive Committee  
**MOVER:**                Vern Tepe  
**SECONDER:**        Bill Lenert  
**AYE:**                    Dale Berman, Deborah Allan, Leslie Juby, Bill Lenert, Vern Tepe, Rich Williams  
**ABSENT:**             Michelle Gumz, Jarett Sanchez

*There was a change in the agenda order as follows: The Rookies Patio Plan was presented prior to moving into closed session.*

#### **B. Updated Rookies Outdoor Patio Plans**

Chief of Planning and Land Management Rooks-Lopez presented the revised Rookies Patio plan. The plans were included in the agenda packet, noting the patio would be expanded to include a stage and a container converted into a bar/sitting area. Rooks-Lopez commented that some invasive species would be removed and native planting would be included in the landscaping.

**DISCUSSION:** *Commissioner Tepe asked if the sidewalk structure would change, particularly in width. Rooks-Lopez responded that it would not change. There would be an estimated 3-foot landscape buffer and a fence to control the traffic to control the patrons. Chair Berman asked about the existing tree. Rooks-Lopez noted that the tree would be removed and replaced. Commissioner Linder stated his concern with the container and potential screening to soften the hard box look. Chair Berman discussed the liquor license needed for the outdoors. Exec. Dir. Haberthur stated that Rookies had requested gaming in addition to acquiring the outdoor liquor license, however that is not permitted*

*within Geneva's municipal limits. Chief of Planning and Land Mgmt. noted the item was brought to the Committee as a communication. The renovations for the Steel had been put on hold for another year due to the high bids for construction.*

**VI. Closed Session to Discuss Land Acquisition, License Agreements, Potential Litigation and Personnel**

The Committee moved into Executive Closed Session at 2:23PM to discuss license agreements and potential litigation.

**RESULT:**           **APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**  
**MOVER:**           Bill Lenert  
**SECONDER:**       Rick Williams  
**AYE:**             Dale Berman, Deborah Allan, Leslie Juby, Bill Lenert, Vern Tepe, Rich Williams  
**ABSENT:**         Michelle Gumz, Jarett Sanchez

The Committee returned to Open Session at 2:53 PM on a motion by Tepe, second by Lenert. Roll call vote was taken, unanimous.

**VII. Communications**

None.

**VIII. Chairman's Comments**

None.

**IX. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 PM.

**RESULT:**           **APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE**  
**MOVER:**           Bill Lenert  
**SECONDER:**       Rick Williams  
**AYE:**             Dale Berman, Deborah Allan, Leslie Juby, Bill Lenert, Vern Tepe, Rich Williams  
**ABSENT:**         Michelle Gumz, Jarett Sanchez

Dale Berman, Chairman  
Forest Preserve District Finance and Administration Committee  
Forest Preserve District of Kane County

Respectfully Submitted,

*Gabriella Figliozzi*

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Recording Secretary